

REMARKS

Responsive to the Official Action mailed May 5, 2006, Claims 1 and 6 have been amended in order to more clearly point out the subject matter that Applicant regards as his invention. In this regard, the subject matter of claim 3 has been incorporated into claim 1 and the subject matter of claim 10 has been incorporated into claim 6. As such, claims 3 and 10 have been cancelled and claims 1, 2, 6-9 and 11 are presently pending.

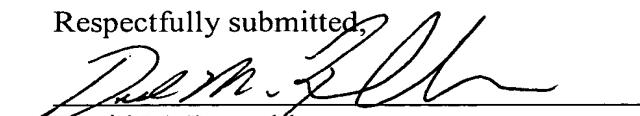
The Examiner rejected claims 1,2 and 5-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Koyama et al. (2004/0040315) in view of Dadd (6,1276,750). The Examiner also indicated that claims 3, 4, 10 and 11 contained allowable subject matter. Since, the subject matter of claim 3 has been incorporated into claim 1 and the subject matter of claim 10 has been incorporated into claim 6, Applicant submits that claims 1, 2, 6-9 and 11 are in allowable form and the rejection of the claims is rendered moot.

The prior art cited by the Examiner and not applied against the claims has been reviewed but does not render any of the pending claims unpatentable.

Applicant is aware that this response is being made in the first month and have therefore submitted herewith a petition for an extension of time to answer the outstanding action within the first month together with a direction to charge the charge account of the assignee of the instant application.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks set forth above, Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of all pending claims. Since the claims are in condition for allowance, prompt and favorable action is hereby respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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